

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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the Indianapolis 500.

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2 of the Indianapolis 500.

3 *Whereas, The Indianapolis 500 is known as “The Greatest*
4 *Spectacle in Racing” and will celebrate its 100th running on*
5 *May 29, 2016 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway;*

6 *Whereas, In 1909, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was*
7 *founded by Carl Fisher, Jim Allison, Art Newby, and Frank*
8 *Wheeler, with the driving force behind the endeavor being*
9 *Fisher;*

10 *Whereas, The original surface of the track was made up of*
11 *gravel-and-tar, which disintegrated before the first running of*
12 *the 500 during other racing events, resulting in the repavement*
13 *of the entire track with 3.2 million bricks in 1909;*

14 *Whereas, In 1911, 40 cars qualified for the first “500-mile*
15 *Sweepstakes” at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, with Ray*
16 *Harroun winning the inaugural running and \$25,000 prize;*

17 *Whereas, Paying \$1 each for grandstand seats, 80,200*
18 *spectators turned out for the first 500-mile racing event;*

19 *Whereas, Of the 23 types of cars represented in the*
20 *inaugural 500, only three survive today: Buick, Fiat, and*
21 *Mercedes;*



1 *Whereas, In 1927, Eddie Rickenbacker purchased the*
2 *Speedway for \$700,000, which was also the same year that the*
3 *Purdue All-American Marching Band began performing on the*
4 *track, who have been the host band ever since;*

5 *Whereas, In 1935, asphalt was laid over the bricks at all*
6 *four turns and the concrete outer walls were angled inward;*
7 *and then in 1961, the remaining brick surfaces were paved with*
8 *asphalt, except for one yard at the start-finish;*

9 *Whereas, In 1936, Louis Meyer won his third Indianapolis*
10 *500 and drank buttermilk in the winner's circle, which led to*
11 *the establishment of race winners drinking milk in the winner's*
12 *circle;*

13 *Whereas, 1936 was the same year the first Borg-Warner*
14 *Trophy, one of the most recognizable trophies in all of sports,*
15 *was awarded to the Indianapolis 500 winner;*

16 *Whereas, In 1945, three-time Indianapolis 500 winner,*
17 *Wilbur Shaw, brokered a \$750,000 deal that made him*
18 *Speedway president and made Tony Hulman the new owner of*
19 *the track;*

20 *Whereas, The Hulman-George family still own and operate*
21 *the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2016;*

22 *Whereas, In 1946, the song, "Back Home Again in*
23 *Indiana," was sung for the first time track side by James*
24 *Melton, of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company, with*
25 *the accompaniment of the Purdue All-American Marching*
26 *Band;*

27 *Whereas, 1947 is believed to be the first year multi-colored*
28 *balloons were released on race morning;*

29 *Whereas, In 1957, The 500 Festival Parade took place for*
30 *the first time as part of a series of celebrations leading up to*
31 *race day;*



1 *Whereas, In 2016, The Indianapolis 500 will have 33*
2 *drivers competing for a purse that is upwards of more than*
3 *\$13,000,000, with the winner receiving more than \$2.5 million,*
4 *and the event is expected to draw a crowd of approximately*
5 *300,000 spectators;*

6 *Whereas, The 100th anniversary of the race was celebrated*
7 *in 2011, but the 100th running will be celebrated in 2016, due*
8 *to the suspension of the race during WWI and WWII; and*

9 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indianapolis 500's 100th*
10 *running should be celebrated and honored for its historical*
11 *significance in the State of Indiana and for the long-standing*
12 *global impact it has had in the sport of racing: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
14 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly celebrates the
16 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 and honors the long-history and
17 significance of the race.

18 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
19 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

